

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 is filed subsequent to payment of the issue fee in response to a request from Examiner Scheuermann on April 7, 2005.

Examiner Scheuermann indicated that the presently submitted amendments were required by the Office of Patent Publication, and thus entry of the present Amendment is believed to be proper.

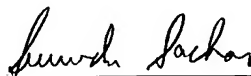
During the noted discussion with Examiner Scheuermann, Examiner Scheuermann indicated that the specification included informalities in referring to claim numbers that were no longer pending. Applicants' representative discussed with Examiner Scheuermann amending the specification to delete all the references to the claim numbers. The present Amendment submits such amendments to the specification.

The present Amendment also in this manner merely corrects minor informalities in the specification and does not raise any issues that would preclude entry of the present Amendment.

An early entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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